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**EDWARD H. RYNEARSON YELLOWSTONE PAPERS**  
1965-1986

***CATALOG NUMBER:*** MSC 127

***VOLUME:*** 0.1 LINEAR FEET

***HISTORY***

Dr. Edward Harper Ryneerson worked as a "temporary ranger" during the summer seasons at Yellowstone National Park from 1922 to 1927. A student at Ohio Wesleyan University at the time, he later earned a medical degree and eventually worked as a doctor at the Mayo Clinic. In later years, he maintained an interest in the park and establish a correspondence with others from his time there, including Horace Albright.

***DESCRIPTION***

The collection consists of reminiscences and correspondence related to Dr. Edward H. Ryneerson's time as a seasonal ranger in Yellowstone National Park from 1922 to 1927. There are several reminiscences of Ryneerson's time as a ranger, written in later years. While most are written by Ryneerson, one appears to have been written by Horace Albright and then annotated by Ryneerson. There are also numerous letters from Albright over several years, which contain numerous stories about the park in the 1920s. There are also letters to or from John "Scotty" Bauman, another early park employee, and Aubrey Haines, longtime park historian. Another name frequently mentioned in the correspondence is early "temporary" (now seasonal) park ranger John King, who started his service at the same time as Ryneerson and hailed from the same university. In addition to the letters, there are also several news clippings and magazine articles, including a few press releases related to Alston Chase's book *Playing God in Yellowstone*. While small, this collection contains a number of accounts from the early years of the National Park Service's time managing Yellowstone, including many personal accounts by Albright.

***PROVENANCE***

Gift of Marjie Ryneerson, 2014.

***AVAILABILITY***

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